

The Word



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God is with us

Years ago I went to see a performance of “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” (the creation of Andrew Lloyd Weber and Tim Rice). I have seen it many more times since then. The story comes right out of the Book of Genesis, chapters 37-45, and it is one of my all time favorite productions (if you have a chance to see it, I highly recommend that you do). In the Old Testament saga Joseph is sold into slavery by his older brothers, ends up in Egypt, becomes a very powerful person, and saves his family. The high point of the story comes when Joseph confronts his brothers; he says “You meant it for evil [selling him into slavery] but God meant it for good.” Joseph realized that God can turn the worst set of circumstances into a glorious victory.

The theme of divine redemption runs throughout the Joseph saga, even at the lowest point when Joseph is in pharaoh’s dungeon. In the musical production Joseph sings a hauntingly hopeful song with the refrain “The children of Israel are never alone.” Joseph believed that no matter where the people of God are, no matter what is happening; God is present, and laboring to turn our defeats into victories, our sorrows into celebrations.

This profound truth reverberates in the Holy Eucharist when the Celebrant says “Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.” And all of us respond vigorously “Holy, holy, holy Lord, God

of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.” Heaven and earth are full of God’s glory, even when things look most bleak; all the company of heaven are present, even when we think we are totally alone.

As the faithful have for generations and generations, we affirm that God is always with us (as are all of the heavenly hosts!), and that God redeems us. We do not always see God’s redemption this side of our welcome into paradise, but it is the promise of the Gospel, and we can trust it.

When you find yourself in a time of trial, a period of painful challenge, remember God is with you, and God will redeem you. You can count on it.

-Brad

Feed our Teens on their Journey to Adulthood!

I am getting so excited about our congregation’s launching the Journey to Adulthood program this fall! The teachers are working on their class calendars, the afternoon youth leaders are finalizing events for the spring and fall, and many youth are putting their faith into action in August by helping the residents of Dungannon, Virginia with housing repairs. We have set the date for our first Rite 13 ceremony to be October 24 at 11 a.m. The entire congregation will help lift up these 13-year-olds through a beautiful liturgy

that ends with this question and answer: “As the living body of Christ, we have been empowered by the Holy Spirit to do God’s work in the world. Will you, as a community of faith, which spans the generations, share your knowledge, experience and love these young people as they begin their journey to adulthood? We will, with God’s help. We recognize you as young men and women of St. Timothy’s Church. We stand behind you on your journey. You are formed by a loving hand and are unique expressions of the creative power of God. God is with you. God is calling you. Explore, ask, claim and embrace. You are holy and wonderful and blessed and we won’t look away from you. We are you community of faith and we celebrate you on this journey.” After the service, we will celebrate this milestone with a congregation-wide reception.

There will be countless ways that we can fulfill our promise to stand behind the youth in this first year of our new program. One concrete way you can help is by feeding our teens! As we prepare our budget request for 2011, I am aware that the youth program, like all of our ministries, depends on the generosity of volunteers from the congregation to operate. If it weren’t for generous individuals bringing in meals and snacks in 2010, we’d have spent one and a half times our allotted youth group budget for food alone this year! Feeding our teens physically as well as spiritually is essential to increasing participation and building a strong youth program. Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help with food

this fall through the STAR program. We'll be in touch with you so that you can sign up for specific dates. If you would like to volunteer to provide a meal for an event, a side-dish for our Rite 13 reception, or light snacks for a morning class, please contact Lisa Erdeljon at lerdeljon@gmail.com.

-Leslie

New and Noteworthy



Visits to Sunrise (Small Tasks are Rewarding)

We are still looking for volunteers to visit Sunrise Reston on Sunday afternoons. One hour is all it takes. You will be giving a precious gift of companionship and love to the residents. If interested or have questions please call Gayle Rippe at 703-471-0763 or email: Gayle_657@hotmail.com

Haiti Fundraiser (Tupperware®) Update

A huge THANK YOU to those people who purchased Tupperware® and helped raise a total of \$232.80 for the Episcopal Relief & Development Haitian Earthquake Relief. The total amount raised included profit from the Tupperware fundraiser line (40% profit!), my Tupperware® fundraiser commission, the regular product line purchase profit (10%), as well as several parishioners who donated money without a purchase. I am also pleased to let you know that Julie Hixon won the \$100 Surprise Bag of Tupperware® products from the drawing for those who purchased through the fundraiser.

It has been more than six months since the earthquake and there is still help needed to rebuild. If you'd like to still contribute, please go to <http://www.er-d.org/Haiti>

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Cindy

White Paper - It's Not Just for Writing Anymore

With the retirement of HHS teacher Gary Gepford (the driving force, literally, behind the highly successful Herndon High School (HHS) Students Against Global Abuse (SAGA)), there will no longer be pick-up of St. Tim's white paper recycling. Please do NOT let this stop all of us from continuing to recycle our white paper. Unlike mixed paper (which has very low value and only limited reuse purposes), white paper is about 10x's more valuable, and can -- almost indefinitely -- be recycled into white paper. We need volunteers to deliver the St. Tim's white paper to the HHS SAGA white paper bin (located in the far corner of the HHS parking lot nearest to the tennis court and the back of the Baptist church property -- the white paper container is the large container with a metal front door (i.e., not the bins with lids)). Looking for a way to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle? The white paper recycled by HHS SAGA helps to fund their annual scholarships provided to deserving SAGA students. All good things.

Special Conference

"Our Threatened Water Supply & Its Sustainability"

Earlier this summer, Rev. Leslie highlighted the Diocese of Virginia's focus on water and its importance to our spiritual and physical lives. We all know that water plays a key (some would say central) role in the Bible, especially in the New Testament. We all know that water is key to our physical survival as well. We also know that clean water is not readily available to, literally, billions of human beings on earth. Experts predict

that future conflicts and wars will not be fought over oil, but water. That's how important clean water is to our existence. What you might not realize is that clean water shortages are huge issues even in Virginia (and, indeed, the entire USA). The Diocese of Virginia's Stewardship of Creation Committee has formed a panel of experts to discuss the spiritual and physical aspects of water. And are hosting a conference on Saturday, September 18, 2010, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. James The Less, 125 Beverly Road, Ashland, Virginia. Please attend and learn. The link to the conference is at <http://www.thediocese.net/Events/eventView.asp?EventID=83> Please contact Craig Dubishar to car-pool to this special event.

Timothy's!), please identify your street by the Watershed Management Area (WMA) where it is located (at the last URL site noted). Projects are listed with a number (red coded projects are within the ten year plan, black coded projects are within a 25 year plan). Once you have identified a project number of interest, go to Section 5, Project Fact Sheets, to look up the details of the project (http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/watersheds/publications/sr/sughp_dp_factsheets_07082010.pdf).

Questions or concerns? Contact the POC listed in the draft watershed report, or seek out Craig Dubishar or Rachel Muir at St. Timothy's for assistance. Remember, public comments are due within 30 days of the public forum!

Supplies and Backpack Drive

Donate your new backpacks and school supplies for local students in need.

Once again, we are collecting backpacks for Reston Interfaith and school supplies for the Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic (JSFC) from July 18 through August 8, 2010. Collection bins are located in Henry Hall. On August 8, after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services, volunteers are needed to sort the school supplies and put them in individual packages for students. Thank you in advance for helping these young clients of Reston Interfaith and JSFC get ready for school in the fall.

Christianity 101

Adults interested in learning more about the Christian faith (especially as it expressed in the Episcopal Church), who want to be Confirmed, Received from another denomination into the Episcopal Church, or who want to Renew your Baptismal vows, should plan to attend "Christianity 101." We will meet on Sunday evenings from September 19 through November 14 (not on Halloween), from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., in the Narthex. Those who wish to be Confirmed, Received, or Reaffirm their vows, will be presented to our Bishop when he visits St. Timothy's at 11:00 a.m. on December 5.

Choir Retreat

The St. Cecilia and St. Ambrose Choirs will have their annual retreat at Trinity Episcopal Church, Upperville, VA on Saturday September 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This year we welcome Dr. Stanley Engebretson as our clinician. Dr. Engebretson is the director of choral studies at George Mason University. He also serves as director of the National Philharmonic Chorale and as director of music for the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC. All choir members are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this excellent *opportunity!*

Welcome Home Sunday Concert

September 19th, 1:00 p.m.

Please join us after the barbecue as the *Two Clark Five* brass quintet performs "Music from the Baroque Period (plus or minus a period)." The Two Clark Five performs baroque and classical music for brass with trumpeters Nathan Clark and Karl Sweedy, hornist Jay Chadwick, trombonist David Sisk, and tubist Willie Clark. Tickets may be purchased ahead of time or at the door for a suggested donation of \$10.00 per person. For more information, please contact peterw@saint-timothy.org.

Helpful Links

www.vafreeclinics.org/virginia-free-clinics.asp

www.jsfreeclinic.org

www.restoninterfaith.org

www.thediocese.net/Events/eventView.asp?EventID=83

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/watersheds/>

Upcoming Events

8/4 – Holy Eucharist/Healing Service 12:15 Narthex

8/8— Lakota Mission Team 5 p.m. B1

8/23 Vestry Meeting 7:30 p.m. B1

Fairfax County Watershed Public Forum is Tuesday, August 3-Open to All!

Water is crucial to our physical and spiritual lives, and its importance is highlighted throughout the Old and New Testaments. Learn more about the important watershed projects proposed for our area at the Fairfax County Watershed Public Forum scheduled for Tuesday, August 3rd, 6:30 p.m., at the Reston Community Center, Lake Anne. For more information about these watershed projects see <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/watersheds/>. For more information specifically about the Sugarland Run and Horsepen Creek Draft Watershed Plan, see http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/watersheds/sugarlandrun_docs.htm. Additionally,



for details about any proposed project in your neighborhood (or around St. Timothy's!), please identify your street by the Watershed Management Area (WMA) where it is located (at the last URL site noted). Projects are listed with a number (red coded projects are within the ten year plan, black coded projects are within a 25 year plan). Once you have identified a project number of interest, go to Section 5, Project Fact Sheets, to look up the details of the project (http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/watersheds/publications/sr/sughp_dp_factsheets_07082010.pdf).

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Choir Season Begins Soon

The Music Ministry will begin its new season very soon! Please see below for the list of rehearsal dates and times for each choir. If you are interested in joining one of our choirs, please contact Peter Waggoner at (703) 437-3790, ext. 16 or petew@st-timothys.org.

Choir Rehearsal Schedule for Fall

Handbell Choir Tuesdays

7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

(beginning 8/31)

Jubilate Choir, ages 8 +

Thursdays

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. (begin 9/9)

Cecilia & St. Ambrose Choirs, ages 14 +

7:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (begin 9/9)

Boy Scouts Merit Awards

The District Award of Merit is awarded by the Boy Scouts of America to recognize adults who have rendered outstanding service at the district level. Nominated by the District, the awards are approved and presented on behalf of the local council of the Boy Scouts of America. Four outstanding Scouters have been recognized as the 2010 Powhatan District Award of Merit. A presentation ceremony will be scheduled at a later date. Please take time to congratulate the following:

- ◆ Craig Dubishar
- ◆ David Greenacre

◆ Dennis Hodges

◆ Mark Teare

Thank you all for your continued service and support of scouting.



Save the Date!

*A look ahead at special events during the Fall here at
St. Timothy's*

September

LEM Training 9/18 10 a.m. –Noon

Welcome Home Sunday 9/19

Christianity 101 9/19-11/14 (not Halloween) 7-8:30 p.m. in the Narthex

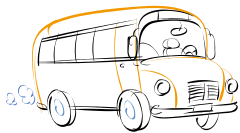
October

Charlie Clattenburg Memorial Chili Cook-Off 10/9

Rite 13 Liturgy 10/24

November

All Saints' Sunday Choral Evensong 11/7 5:00 p.m.





VBS 2010—

“The Pirates Who Don’t Do Anything!”

Ahoy Matey!
Heroes for Jesus
Land on St. Timothy’s Shores

A swashbuckling good time was had by all at Vacation Bible School July 12-16, headed up by our fearless leaders Liz Griffith and Rev. Leslie Chadwick! 62 children, from preschool to second grade, attended (up from 45 last year), and over 40 volunteers helped out as we sailed the seas with the Veggie Tales "Pirates Who Don't Do Anything." All our pirates sang along enthusiastically as Lydia Gough and Amanda Marx led them through hit-makers like, “Calling All Heroes,” which went nicely along with stories about Moses, Gideon, and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Larry the Cucumber and Bob the Toma-

to, as well as Bones (Lael Lyons) and Bumbo (Jill Koenig), made perfect companions for the kids as they learned about what makes a true hero for God. A treasure map and a treasure chest were a couple of the exciting crafts that made the entire week come alive. And treasure hunts, yummy snacks, and plenty of bubbles kept the kids excited and enthusiastic. The grand finale was a rousing performance, with all 62 kids singing, a beautiful slide show, and of course the all-crucial Popsical Party.

Enough cannot be said about what a blessing the week was for everyone, volunteers and children alike. It made St. Timothy’s an exciting and vibrant place to be. Many thanks to all of the enthusiastic volunteers who gave of their time and talents this week!

The week was also successful thanks to

the many members of our church family who signed up on the STAR form and donated funds, snacks, and art supplies. Additionally, the program raised \$302 for Our Little Roses School in Honduras, our mission for the week. What a privilege to be part of this fun and meaningful experience and to get to know so many wonderful families and volunteers! Ahoy, and thank you!!!



Thanks to Liz Griffith, Leslie Chadwick, Lael Lyons, Jill Koenig, Amanda Marx, Jo Sorrell, Carol McLean, Jean Lammers, Alison Cook, Jillian Hajdasz, Sarah Hobson, Christopher Showalter, Robby Henry, Genevieve Zetlan, Bonnie Bunting, Tricia Mussante, Maria LaWalt, Jo Ellen Mountcastle, Beverly Boon, Fiona Finnell, Maria Lally, Nancy Spenar, Nathan Wei, Hope Hargadon, Nicole Leon-Geurerro, Linda Grantham, Annabelle Marsh, Penny Le Re, Caroline Arlington, Amanda Marx, Jennifer Cochran, Meghan Henry, Meila Grantham, Lisa Buchanan, Martha Escobar, Marta Miguel, Jessie Georges, Katie Popov, Linda Kennedy, Karen Marx, Emily Marx, Jenna Marx, Felicia Brennan, Julie Edwards, Viki Mutarelli, Scott Zetlan, Evelyn Showalter, and Donna Dooley.



“I can do all things through Christ because He gives me strength.”
Phil. 4:13





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The deadline for submission of material for the next issue is:
Thursday, August 19 2010

Questions, articles, or ideas for *The Word* are always welcome as are your comments. You may send materials via email to wordeditor@saint-timothys.org

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8:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:30 A.M. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Children's Chapel

(Nursery Care Available)

11:00 A.M. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Christian Education

(Nursery Care Available)

Wednesdays

12:15 P.M.- Holy Eucharist And Healing Service

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